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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application papers dated December 4, 2001, (copy attached) attached is a "corrected" copy of the originally filed application wherein the margins are as required by the Notice. Entry of the following further amendments is also requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Pages 7-8 of the attached "corrected" copy of the specification, replace the paragraphs spanning page 7, last line to page 8, line 6, and insert the following therefor:

--ELQGNKSRCWIPV as for subtype 2g

(SEQ ID NO 161)

ERHQNQSRCWIPV as for subtype 2h

(SEQ ID NO 162)

EWKDNTSRCWIPV as for subtype 2i

(SEQ ID NO 163)

EREGNSSRCWIPV as for subtype 2k

(SEQ ID NO 164)

VREGNOSRCWVAL

VRTGNQSRCWVAL

VRVGNQSSCWVAL

or

VRVGNQSRCWVAL or VKEGNHSRCWVAL as for subtype 4k